

हे प्रति कितना जल्दी सम्भव होगा वह समा-
पत्त पर रख दी जायेगी।

Life Insurance Corporation

445. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state

(a) the total number of life insurance policy holders in the country who had their policies paid up when the life insurance business was nationalised, and

(b) the number of Government employees, both at the Centre and States, who had their policies paid up after the above business was nationalised?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha when it becomes available

Development of Laccadive Islands

446. Shri Nallakoya: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether the Second Five Year Plan for the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands has been prepared,

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government for the implementation of the same, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to open Post Offices and to provide other facilities of communications in the Islands?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) The Second Five Year Plan of Laccadive, Minicoy & Amindivi Islands has not yet been prepared. The proposals of the Administrator in regard to the Plan have, however, been received and are at present under consideration of the Government

(b) Does not arise

(c) It is proposed to open extra-departmental Post Offices in all the major islands as there is at present

no scope for regular Post Offices. It is also proposed to establish Wireless Stations in all the major islands which could be used for transmitting public telegrams as well

High Power Coal Council

447. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the number of meetings held during the months of May, June and July, 1957, and the important decisions taken by the High Power Coal Council?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): No meeting of the Coal Council was held during May, June and July 1957. The Council has, however, appointed four Committees on—

- 1 assessment of resources,
- 2 requirements and utilisation,
- 3 production and preparation; and
- 4 transportation

These Committees are meeting and collecting data on their respective subjects. The report of the second Committee is expected very shortly

Zonal Councils

448. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state how many meetings of the different Zonal Councils have been held so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The Zonal Councils for the Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Zones have met once. The Western Zonal Council is expected to meet in the near future

Ex-Servicemen's Post-War Reconstruction Fund

449. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the amount initially given to the erstwhile States of PEPSU from